

**ABSTRACT**

A clustered enterprise Java™ distributed processing system is provided. The distributed processing system includes a first and a second computer coupled to a communication medium. The first computer includes a Java™ virtual machine (JVM) and kernel software layer for transferring messages, including a remote Java™ virtual machine (RJVM). The second computer includes a JVM and a kernel software layer having a RJVM. Messages are passed from a RJVM to the JVM in one computer to the JVM and RJVM in the second computer. Messages may be forwarded through an intermediate server or rerouted after a network reconfiguration. Each computer includes a Smart stub having a replica handler, including a load balancing software component and a failover software component. Each computer includes a duplicated service naming tree for storing a pool of Smart stubs at a node. The computers may be programmed in a stateless, stateless factory, or a stateful programming model. The clustered enterprise Java™ distributed processing system allows for enhanced scalability and fault tolerance.